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Education for Youth
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started to work on any new policy to provide better facilities to youth in education sector;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c): The National Youth Policy, 2014 formulated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recommends specific policy interventions for development and empowerment of youth in 11 priority areas, namely, education, employment and skill development, entrepreneurship, health and healthy lifestyle, sports, promotion of social values, community engagement, participation in politics and governance, youth engagement, inclusion and social justice. The implementation of the Policy is the collective responsibility of all concerned Central Ministries/ Departments, State Governments as well as other stake holders. The specific actionable interventions in the priority area of education are (i) to build system capacity and (ii) promote skill development and life-long learning.
The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing several schemes aimed at enhancing literacy and basic education of the youth, expanding access to all levels of education, including higher and technical education, promoting equity and improving quality of education. There has also been significant focus on curriculum reform to increase employability of the graduates. The scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) seeks to strengthen the state higher education sector. Further, scholarships are being provided to meritorious students as also interest subsidy on educational loans is provided to students from economically weaker sections.
Presently, the Government is in the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP) to meet the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regard to quality education, innovation and research, aiming to make India a knowledge superpower by equipping its youth and students with the necessary skills and knowledge and to eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology, academics and industry. Our country has a demographic advantage of the largest youth population in the world and proposed NEP aims at integrating skills within education so as to reap the demographic dividend.
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